

# Fresno Fire Department 2014 Annual Report

Mission: To protect and put service above all else.

Vision: Recognized as a standard of excellence in the fire service.

Core Values: Teamwork, Trust, Commitment.

### City Of Fresno

Population: 509,924
Land Area: 112 sq miles
Housing Units: 171,288
Households: 159,163
Housing Units in Multi-Unit Structures: 34.2%

\*Source: US Census Bureau

### Fire Chief Kerri L. Donis

I proudly present the annual report of the Fresno Fire Department, reflecting the performance and commitment that sets this organization apart. It is humbling to see our people meet and exceed expectations during economic challenges. This report reflects the hard work and dedication of the Department member who have made significant sacrifices to ensure the citizens and visitors of the City of Fresno continue to receive the quality level of service they have become accustomed to. Every day I am inspired by yet another story of how we have delivered service in accordance with our mission statement. The pages that follow further highlight the accomplishments and activities of our members in all areas of the Department. Our continued success is due to the dedication of its members, our strong community partnerships, and the support of the offices of the Mayor, City Manager and City Council.





Fire attack on second story of an apartment fire.

# Your Fire Department "A Tradition of Service"

Established in 1877, the Fresno Fire Department is one of the oldest fire departments in our nation. Today, with 287 sworn firefighting personnel, we serve over a half million residents. The Fresno Fire Department provides fire protection to the City of Fresno, North Central Fire Protection District, Fig Garden Fire Protection District, and the Fresno County islands situated within the boundaries of the Fresno City limits. Our compliment of resources and skills allows us to provide fire prevention, suppression, emergency medical response, hazardous materials response, technical rescue, and an assortment of community outreach services.

The Fresno Fire Department provides emergency response from a total of 24 fire stations located throughout the city of Fresno, our contract areas and Fresno Yosemite International Airport. Each station is staffed with a 3-4 person engine or truck company and divided geographically into three battalions; each are managed by a fire battalion chief. Additionally, 44 civilians provide vital support functions from headquarters and other locations.





A Fire Captain oversees defensive operations on a commercial fire.

### Budget

General Fund	\$47,224,300
Grants	1,861,200
Licenses & Permit	159,000
Charges for Service	3,965,200
Contract Fees	6,881,800
Capital	1,969,000
Total Budget	\$56.7 million

### Units

Engine Companies 20
Truck Companies 5
Water Tenders 4
Brush Rigs2
Patrols2
HazMat Units2
US&R Heavy Rescue1
Rescue Boats 2
Airport Rescue Vehicle 2

### Personnel

Sworn Safety	288
Sworn Non-Safety	13
Civilian	26
Total	327

### **Incidents**

Medical Aids	27,035
Arrivals	21,160
Downgrades	5,875
Total Fires	
Structure Fires	823
Vegetation Fires	330
Vehicle Fires	332
False Alarms	3,384
Service Calls	1,171
All other incidents	3,770
Total Incidents	

### Fire Loss

All Fires	\$33.3M
From Arson	\$2.6M
Number of Displaced Peopl	е
from Fires	496

### **Fatalities**

From Structure Fires	2
From CO Poisoning	0
From Vehicle Fires	
Firefighter Fatalities	0

### Injuries

Civilian Injuries	. 42
Firefighter Injuries	. 79

### Fire Investigations

Total Investigations	535
Incendiary Fires	302
Arrests	33
The FBI 2014 crime report placed	Fresno
fourth out of 70 California cities	in the
amount of arson cases.	

### Fire Prevention

5 Year Fire Sprinkler Tests 740
Plan Reviews 2,963
Fire Inspections 6,105
New Sprinkler Inspections 3,575
Weed Abatement (NCFPD/FGFPD) 50

### Fire Shop

Repair Requests	2,888
Completed Repairs	2,493

### Thank You

Dear Chief Donis: Before any more time elapsed, we want to thank you and your fabulous team for all the hard work saving our home (and our neighbor's home) in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 28, 2014.

Somehow, one always thinks that fire will happen to "someone else", but in fact, fire can happen under any circumstances, at any time, and in any place. That reality hit home for us when two young Good Samaritans banged on our front door rousing us from our sleep and phoning 911 on our behalf. It all seemed surreal, and the five minutes between the time the fire department was called, and arrived, were the longest five minutes of our lives.

Truly, words cannot convey how blessed we are to have had such an incredible response from your very capable fire fighters, but please know that we are forever grateful to them all for responding so quickly and efficiently. May God bless and keep you all safe.

With our sincerest thanks, William and Patricia Fenton



Firefighters training on vertical ventilation.

### **Response Times**

1st company arrival within 4 minutes  Medical Aids	
Effective residential firefighting force within 8 minutes	69%*
Effective commercial firefighting force within 8 minutes	72%*

\*National Standard is 90%

### Fire Stations

1 tre Stations		
Station	Address	Council District
ARFF (Airport)	5065 E. Anderson	4
Station 1	1264 N. Jackson	4
Station 2	7114 N. West	2
Station 3	1406 Fresno St.	3
Station 4	3065 E. Iowa	7
Station 5	3131 N. Simpson	7
Station 6	4343 E. Gettysburg	4
Station 7	2571 S. Cherry	3
Station 8	1428 S. Cedar	5
Station 9	2340 N. Vagedes	1
Station 10	5545 Aircorp Way	4
Station 11	5544 N. Fresno	4
Station 12	2874 N. Acacia	1
Station 13	815 E. Nees	6
Station 14	6239 N. Polk	2
Station 15	5630 E. Park Circle	5
Station 16	2510 N. Polk	3
Station 17	10512 N. Maple	6
Station 18	5938 N. LaVentana	2
Station 19	3175 W. Belmont	3
Station 20	4537 N. Wishon (FG	GFPD)*
Station 21	Station 21 15850 W. Kearney (NCFPD)*	
Station 22	806 S. Garfield (NC)	
Station 23	4555 N. Biola (NCFI	PD)*

\*FGFPD=Fig Garden Fire Protection District \*NCFPD=North Central Fire Protection District

### **Company Responses**

Engine Companies	
Company	Responses
E1	3,248
E2	1,517
	4,098
E4	849*
E5	3,725
E6	2,458
E7	1,997
E8	3,126
E9	3,381
E12	2,610
E13	2,070
E14	1,063
E15	1,923
E16	1,877
E17	790
E18	811
E20	2,012
E21	1,683
E22	482
E23	418

## **Truck Companies**

Company	Responses
T4	2,806
T10	1,139
T11	2,840
T19	2,581
T21	345
<b>Battalion Chiefs</b>	

Offic	nesponses
BC1	953
BC2	908
BC3	632
Water Teno	lers

### **Water Tenders**

Unit	Responses
WT3	71
WT14	58
WT21	72
WT23	66

### **Special Operations**

Unit	Responses
HazMat1	114
HazMat16	58
Rescue 4	118
Rescue 13	44
AirRescue1	107
AirRescue2	98



### Community Outreach Programs



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergencies in their homes,

workplaces, and communities. CERT training is designed to enhance personal safety and provide individuals with basic emergency response skills, particularly those that would be of value after a disaster. In



2014, 345 CERT volunteers responded to 14 emergency callouts (including missing person searches, major gas leaks and large com-

mercial and residential fires). The volunteers also participated in 13 community service and public education events. In 2014, CERT volunteers donated 5,122 hours of service and continuing education.



Partnering with the Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation, the Fresno Fire Department continues to donate and distribute safety helmets, free of charge.

to any child who needs one. Helmets are stored on Engines and Trucks and at every fire station for distribution. Since the program's inception in 2005, over 9,000 helmets have been distributed to local kids. www.beafirehero.org.

### **Smoke Alarm Program**

Smoke Alarm Program Nearly two-thirds of home fire deaths result from fires in properties

without working smoke alarms. In an effort to change this reality, the Fresno Fire Department, through grant funding, provides smoke alarms and batteries, free of charge, to anyone who needs one.





"Firefighters Creating Memories"



Burn Aware, a non-profit organization, presents an educational program to 1st through 3rd graders to teach fire safety through school assemblies. From January-June 2014, the program was presented at 40 schools, reaching 10,582 school children.



"Firefighter Community Outreach" is a program which encourages our firefighters to seek creative and thoughtful ways to engage our community. Throughout the year

we've seen our firefighters participate in school firedrills and carnivals; attend farmer's markets, car shows, and block parties; host open-houses at their fire stations; deliver Christmas presents to families in their districts; and conduct home fire-safety inspections and install smoke detectors. Our hope is that intentional frequent interaction with the public, beyond emergency incidents, will build positive relationships and promote safer communities.



Chief Henry discusses the finer points of fire tactics with Parker.





